

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 2)

E.OWE 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, HK  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 83084

1. WE CAN RECALL ONLY ONE INSTANCE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WHICH, WITH SOME STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, CAN BE VIEWED AS CONGEN RESTRICTION OF DEA ACTIVITIES. THIS INVOLVED OUR ACCEPTED ADVICE TO DEA TO DROP PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ABOUT AN OPERATION WHICH WOULD ENLIST THE COOPERATION OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT IN ENTICING ONE OF ITS CITIZENS FROM VIENTIANE TO HONG KONG WHERE HE WOULD BE PICKED UP FOR QUESTIONING AND POSSIBLE ARREST BY THE HONG KONG POLICE. WE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT WOULD COOPERATE IN SUCH AN ENDEAVOR AS WELL AS OUR CONCERN THAT ATTEMPTS TO PROCEED COULD READILY LEAD TO LAO GOVERNMENT CHARGES OF AMERICAN ATTEMPTS TO KIDNAP ONE OF ITS CITIZENS.

2. THE CONGEN WAS LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DEA INTEREST IN PROVIDING NARCOTICS TRAINING FOR THE MACAU GOVERNMENT. WE HAD DOUBTS THAT MACAU WOULD WELCOME THIS USG PRESENCE BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER  
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THE PRC'S REACTION. WE NEVERTHELESS WENT AHEAD WITH ANOTE TO THE MACAU GOVERNOR SAYING THAT IF HE BELIEVES SUCH TRAINING WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO HIS GOVERNMENT, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. THIS WAS ALMOST A YEAR AGO, AND TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY (77 HONG KONG 7910). AP-  
PARENTLY CONTENT WITH OUR EFFORT, DEA HAS NOT

AGAIN RAISED THE SUBJECT.

3. THE DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE PROMPTED US TO DIS-  
CREETLY DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH DEA ACTING SAIC WHO  
HAD NO COMPLAINTS OF CONGEN RESTRICTIVENESS.

4. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH DEA IS EFFECTIVE AND CHAR-  
ACTERIZED BY MUTUAL CANDOR. WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY  
SERIOUS POLITICAL OR PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS  
RESULTING FROM DEA OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG.  
PERSONALITY AND BUREAUCRATIC FACTORS DID RESULT  
IN A STRAINED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEA AND THE  
HONG KONG NARCOTICS BUREAU. THESE ISSUES HAVE NOW  
BEEN RESOLVED, THE RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN REPEAIRED  
AND IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MEDIATING AND  
SOLVING THE PROBLEM AND IN THAT MANNER INSTRU-  
MENTWLLY SUPPORTED DEA'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN  
HONG KONG (SEE HONG KONG 15403, 14840, 14689, ALL  
1977).  
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